



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 629	Assembly Amendment 1
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Under **current law**, a county forestry committee, with the assistance of technical personnel from the Department of Natural Resources and other interested agencies, must prepare a comprehensive county forest land use plan. The plan must be prepared for a 10-year period.

Assembly Bill 629 requires each comprehensive county forest land use plan to be prepared for a 15-year period. The bill specifies that upon the expiration of the initial 15-year plan period, and upon expiration of each subsequent 15-year plan period, the plan must be revised and must be in effect for another 15-year period. The initial applicability provision in the bill states that the 15-year plan period first applies to county forest land use plans prepared or revised on the effective date of the legislation.

Assembly Amendment 1 provides that on or before December 31, 2005, a comprehensive county forest land use plan must be prepared for a 15-year period. The amendment further provides that if a 15-year plan is not revised upon its expiration, or if a plan currently in effect is not revised on or before December 31, 2005, that plan must remain in effect until the plan is revised and the revised plan takes effect. The amendment deletes the initial applicability provision contained in the bill.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The Assembly Committee on Forestry held a public hearing on Assembly Bill 629 on January 6, 2004, but did not take executive action at that time.

Assembly Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Ainsworth on February 3, 2004.

On February 17, 2004, the committee recommended adoption of Assembly Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 1.

The Assembly adopted Assembly Amendment 1 on March 2, 2004. On the same date, the Assembly refused to suspend the rules to read the bill a third time by a vote of Ayes, 58; Noes, 38. The bill was then made a special order of business at 9:02 a.m. on March 4, 2004 pursuant to Assembly Resolution 35.

On March 4, 2004, the bill was read a third time and the Assembly passed the bill, as amended, on a voice vote.

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